

MEETING MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS

DATE: October 15, 2021
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Health Related Boards Conference Center
Iris Room, 665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Ella Britt, LADAC, Chair
David Brown, LADAC,
Dr. Mark Loftis, LADAC

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Dr. Jane Abraham, LADAC, NCAC II, Secretary
Major McNeil, Citizen Member

STAFF

PRESENT: Diana Hunley, Unit Director
LaTonya Shelton, ASA3
Paul Richardson, Associate General Counsel

Ms. Diana Hunley, Unit Director called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Ms. Hunley determined that a sufficient number of members were in attendance to constitute a quorum. Members were advised to identify themselves before they spoke. The meeting was then turned over to Ms. Ella Britt, Chair of the Board.

Minutes

The Board tabled the July 16, 2021 meeting minutes until the next scheduled meeting on January 21, 2022

Office of General Counsel (OGC)

Conflict of Interest

A circumstance in which a Board member's individual interest impairs or impedes, or gives the appearance of impairing or impeding, his or her ability to make full, unbiased decisions or to provide full, unbiased service to the Board.

Litigation

OGC currently has no open cases concerning the Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors. There are no Orders nor cases to hear today.

Rules

There are currently no rules being drafted concerning the Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors.

Office of Investigations

Ms. Courtney Lilly stated her office had a total of complaints eight (8) newly opened and currently sixteen (16) open. Ms. Lilly informed the Board that she is not currently monitoring any practitioners.

Financial Report

Mr. Matthew McSpadden the new fiscal manager reviewed the Financial Report for the preliminary year ending June 30, 2021 revenue and expenditures. The Board incurred total direct expenditures of \$61,835.00 and allocated expenditures of \$18,352.86 for total expenditures of \$80,187.86 ending fiscal year June 30, 2021.

The preliminary financial report indicated fiscal ending year 2021 the Board Fee Revenue totaled \$86,650.00, current year net \$6,462.14 with a cumulative carryover of \$130,414.31.

Administrative Report

Ms. LaTonya Shelton stated there are 497 licensees; four (4) level one application; seven (7) level two applications; four (4) reciprocity applications.

Ms. LaTonya Shelton stated eighteen (18) licenses have been issued; four (4) retired; five (5) expired; three (3) qualified clinical supervisors; sixty-four (64) renewals and, zero (0) denials. Ms. LaTonya Shelton informed the Board there were twenty-one (21) renewed through revenue and forty-one (41) online renewals.

Ms. LaTonya Shelton stated the next meeting is January 21, 2022.

Ratify newly licensed/reinstated applications

Dr. Mark Loftis made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Brown, to approve the following newly licensed applicants. The motion carried.

Level 1

Level 2

Kenneth Eugene Davis, Jr.
Rhonda D. Holly
Tina Posey
Valena Sommermeyer

Rachel D. Adams
Carissa Jo Bartnick
Tiffany Lee Booth
Lindsay F. Danis
Vernetta Lee Eleazer
Kendra Hart
Detra D. Hopkins
Monica Y. Hughes
Tawanda Lauderdale-Dickerson
Michael Stratton
Alexander W. Tucker

Voluntarily Retired

Gary P. Donley
James A. Gardner
Cheryl L. McCroskey
William M. Sweeney

Reinstatement

Karlton S. Bolton
Connie E. Gardner
Patricia F. Wharton

Public Comments

After the Board held a lengthy discussion with both Ms. Dottie Greene, associate professor at Eastern Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN. and Dr. Michael Tino, FASAM, DABAM of Doctors Assisted Wellness and Recovery, LLC at the previous board meeting. Mrs. Ella Britt requested that Ms. Greene write a detailed letter on her discussion and resubmit all detailed information to the board for today's meeting. Dr. Greene nor Dr. Tino was not present, Mr. Brown made a motion to table this discussion until the January 21, 2022 meeting. Dr. Loftis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Board Business

The Board discussed in length regarding creating a taskforce to handle revising the jurisprudence exam to reflect questions of the most current rules and regulations. They also discussed having the revised exam available on paper and electronically. Dr. Loftis made a motion to create a taskforce with Frances Patterson as lead to revise the jurisprudence exam and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board held a lengthy discussion regarding drafting a policy to address applicants applying for licensure between rule changes. The policy will also discuss "intent to apply for licensure" and "counselor in training".

Mr. Terry Kinnaman lead the taskforce regarding the rule's revision. After some discussion Mr. Brown made a motion to schedule a rule revision taskforce meeting on November 29th – 30th, 2021. Dr. Loftis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is January 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at 665 Mainstream, Ground Floor, Nashville, Tennessee

These minutes were ratified at the January 21, 2022 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor Board meeting.